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## **REMARKS**

Claims 26-29 and 64-67 are now pending. Applicant has cancelled claims 1-25 and 30-63. The Examiner objected to claims 26-29 and 64-67 as being dependent on rejected base claims. Applicant has amended claims 26-29 and 64-67 to be in independent form including the language of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Based upon the above amendments and remarks, applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application and its early allowance. If the Examiner has any questions or believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at (206) 359-8548.

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